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RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL LETTER AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)		Docket Number: 01662/53002	
Application Number 09/887,204	Filing Date June 22, 2001	Examiner FUBARA, Blessing M.	Art Unit 4131
Invention Title RAPIDLY EXPANDING COMPOSITION FOR GASTRIC RETENTION AND CONTROLLED RELEASE OF THERAPEUTIC AGENTS, AND DOSAGE FORMS INCLUDING THE COMPOSITION		Inventors FLASHNER-BARAK et al.	

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Sir:

- Transmitted herewith for filing is a response to the Office Action mailed November 17, 2008 for the above-identified application.
- Applicants hereby request a **one-month extension of time** to respond to the Office Action of November 17, 2008, which set a three-month period for response. The one-month extended period for response expires on March 17, 2009. Please charge the **\$130.00** extension fee and any additional fees to the deposit account of Kenyon & Kenyon LLP, deposit account number **11-0600**.

3. No additional claims fee is due. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon LLP**, deposit account number **11-0600**:
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